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TAGS: PFOR TS UR MARR
SUBJ: SOVIET NAVAL VISIT

REF: TUNIS 4193

1. TWO RUSSIAN DESTROYERS PAID A VISIT TO BIZERTE NOVEMBER 14-18. VISIT WENT ENTIRELY UNPUBLICIZED AND EMBASSY HAD NO DIRECT ADVANCE NOTICE. OUR CONTACTS DESCRIBED CALL AS "WORKING VISIT" RATHER THAN "OFFICIAL" OR "NON-OFFICIAL".

2. VISIT WAS ONLY THE SECOND RUSSIAN WARSHIP EVER TO VISIT TUNISIA. (RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, CIVILIAN-REGISTRY VESSELS ALSO CALL FROM TIME TO TIME.) ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL GOT HAD EARLIER TOLD US TO EXPECT OCCASIONAL SOVIET NAVAL PORT CALLS FOLLOWING PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED BY OFFICIAL RUSSIAN DESTROYER VISIT TO TUNIS LAST MAY (TUNIS 4193).

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3. IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN GOT BALANCING ACT, VISIT OF U.S.S.

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HOWARD W. GILMORE TO TUNIS NOVEMBER 14-18 ALSO RECEIVED NO RPT NO PUBLICITY HERE.

4. EMBASSY NOTES TWO RUSSIAN DESTROYERS RECEIVED PERMISSION, PRESUMABLY AT HIGH LEVEL IN GOT, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF RATHER HEAVY SCHEDULE OF NATO-MEMBER NAVAL VISITS: SIXTH FLEET SHIPS WERE IN TUNISIAN PORTS OCT 29-NOV 1, NOV 11-14, AND NOV 14-18. IN ADDITION DUTCH FLLET OF SEVEN WARSHIPS ACCOMPANIED BY BRITISH SUBMARINE CALLED AT BIZERTE AND TUNIS NOV 1-4. FRENCH SUBMARINE CALLED AT SOUSSE EARLY NOVEMBER, DEPARTING NOV 12.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN FACT THAT GOT HAS CONFIRMED TO US ITS POLICY OF PERMITTING SOVIET NAVAL VISITS FROM TIME TO TIME, WE FIND IT INTERESTING THAT TUNISIANS REMAIN, APPARENTLY, SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED AND SILENT REGARDING THEM.
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